15th November 1961]

Rubber plantations

* 2103 Q.—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(a) Area of rubber planted by the Forest Department during the last three years;

(b) the cost per acre; and

(c) the revenue from the Kumri lease per acre in the areas where rubber has been planted per year?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) The Madras Forest Department began planting of rubber in the forests of Kanyakumari district only from 1960–61. An extent of 149 acres was planted with rubber during 1960–61 and another area of 446 acres has been planted by the middle of August 1961.

(b) The following is the expenditure incurred per acre of Rubber Plantations (raised departmentally) during 1960–61 :—

In Kumri area—Rs. 235 per acre.

In non-Kumri area—Rs. 410 per acre.

(c) An avearge revenue of Rs. 5 per acre and Rs. 8.73 per acre was realised from Kumri leases in 1960–61 and 1961–62 respectively.

SRI T. T. DANIEL : May I know the total estimated cost of each of the rubber plantations and also whether the 3,000 acres will be planted during the course of the Third Plan period?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATASALAM : I have indicated the cost of plantation per acre and 600 acres have been cultivated. Ultimately 3,000 acres will come under rubber plantation.

Recommendations of the Indian Central Oilseeds Committee

* 2104 Q.—SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state the steps taken to implement the recommendations of the Indian Central Oilseeds Committee for—

1. The sanction of the scheme for large scale multiplication of improved stains of castor; and

2. The extension of the scheme Intensive Breeding of Groundnut in Madras State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) The scheme was sanctioned in June 1960 and started in October 1960.

(b) The extension of the scheme has been sanctioned at a total cost of Rs. 65,844 for a period of three years from 30th June 1960.